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EXHIBIT "A. 17"

REPORT

OF THE

LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

For the Two Years Ending

December 1, 1904.

REPORT.

Las Vegas, N. Mex., Dec. 20. 1904.

Hon. Miguel A. Otero, Governor:

SIR: In compliance with your request I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Ladies Relief Society for the past two years ending November 30th, 1904.

Since the last annual report many changes and improvements have been made by enlarging the grounds and adding new rooms; thus enabling us to care for and treat the increasing number of unfortunate patients more satisfactorily.

During the past year we have constrcted three large commodious rooms to the main building; new furnishings have been provided for a number of the rooms by the Society and new furnishings for four rooms have been donated by charitably disposed persons. The main building is now all furnished with electric lights.

Many repairs have been made by laying new floors, calsomining the walls and painting all the wood work in the main building. These improvements have added much to the sanitary conditions of the institution.

With each succeeding year this Society is called upon to care for an increasing number of charity patients, many of whom come from the Eastern States seeking relief from pulmonary complaints in the dry and rarefied air of New Mexico, and this being the first Charity Hospital on the main line of the railroad from the East in New Mexico, many of these people in the last stages of consumption and with very limited means naturally fall to our lot to care for.

From the fact that for the past four years our patients have been on the rapid increase this Society has in contemplation the enlargement of our home sufficient to accomodate

about sixty pay patients and 40 charity patients. This will enable us in a few years to become self-supporting.

We wish to call your attention to the increased expenditure of 1904 over previous years. This was caused by the society having to care for many patients in the last stages of disease causing the employment of trained nurses and much additional help.

Patients whom we designate as pay patients in our financial report, in fact, pay but little, the society seldom receiving more then six dollars per week and often less from such patrons; so that patients reported as pay patients is misleading in our report. We wish to express our appreciation to your Excellency and to the territorial legislature for the valuable assistance rendered to us in the past and to solicit a continuance and increase of such kind offices in the future.

Itemized and detailed statements of the receipts and disbursements of this society you will find attached hereto marked Exhibit A. and B.

EXHIBIT A.

Receipts for 1903.

December 1, 1902, by balance in bank	$.	83 04
Received from Territorial Auditor		1,343 60
For care of pay patients		879 65
Received by donation from all sources		749 01
Membership dues		32 00
By money returned		64 00
Total	$	3,151 20

Disbursements for 1903.

For groceries	$	815 36
For meats		243 72
For milk		203 30
For fuel		134 40
For drugs		125 90
For matron and incidentals		461 53
Repairs to buildings		647 85
For dry goods		102 52
For hardware and plumbing		206 22
For sundries		209 04
Total	$	3,149 84

EXHIBIT B.

Receipts for 1904.

December 1, 1903, by balance in bank	$ 1 36
Received from Territorial Auditor	2,296 93
Received for care of pay patients	1,611 82
By donations from all sources	407 55
By membership dues	40 00
Total	$ 4,357 66

Disbursements for 1904.

For Groceries	$ 1,088 37
For mats	385 89
For milk	280 79
For fuel	212 14
For drugs	231 05
For matron, nurses and help	918 00
For improvements and repairs to buildings	699 90
For dry goods	92 32
For hardware and Plumbing	46 60
For furniture	157 56
For sundries	109 55
For insurance on building	90 00
Paid to undertaker	20 00
Total	$4,332 17

December 1, 1904, by balance in bank.		$ 25 49
Balance due to contractor for work on buildings	$ 100 00	
Bills outstanding for groceries	413 83	
Total	$ 513 83	
Indebtedness of society to date.	$ 488 34	

Summary of Patients Treated in 1893.

Number of patients received	133
Total number days charity patients treated	5,985
Total number days pay patients treated	795
Patients died	14

Summary of Patients Treated in 1904.

Number of patients received.....	125
Total number days charity patients treated....	5,575
Total number days pay patients treated.....	970
Patients died.....	19

MRS. A. HARTMAN,
Secretary.
MRS. A. D. HIGGINS,
President.